



Nebraska Corn Board and National Corn Growers Association Internship Washington, D.C.

Position Summary

Policy, Membership and Corn Industry Leadership Internship in Washington, D.C.
Sponsored by the Nebraska Corn Board (NCB), the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA)

About

The Nebraska Corn Board manages the corn checkoff investment by striving to connect corn producers to their customers, new products and markets, important research and policymakers on Capitol Hill. We aim to capture the greatest value for corn producers amidst an ever-changing industry.

The National Corn Growers Association is a membership organization and a federation of states that works with and for the corn states in the U.S. NCGA exists to coordinate the focus, interest and power of their dual membership into a national effort for the corn farmers in the U.S.

Timeline

Mid-May through Mid-August, 2015, for at least 10 consecutive weeks on location

Duties & Responsibilities

Intern would be mentored and assigned responsibilities on a day-to-day basis by the NCGA staff
Students will obtain a working knowledge of the following:

- Office operations of the NCGA
- The importance of grower membership lobbying
- Various bills and policies important to corn growers
- Inter-relationships of other ag and ag industry groups in D.C.
- The process of influencing legislation
- Hands-on work and lobbying experience on the Hill
- Opportunities to represent NCGA as assigned in meetings and reporting back to staff
- Meeting NCGA leadership and supporting their efforts
- Introduction to the Targeted Agricultural Education Program supported with NCB funding
- Knowledge gained on Farm Bill, Trade Policy, Energy Bill, Rural Development, Conservation, and Transportation issues

Qualifications

Any student enrolled in a four-year university with the following qualifications:

- Agricultural background beneficial but not required
- Interest in the political process, agricultural policy and agricultural economics
- Proven communication abilities in written and verbal forms of communications
- Excellent computer skills
- Sophomore standing or above

Recommended Coursework

Agricultural Statistics, Ag Policy, Agricultural Economics, International Agriculture/Marketing, Political Science or Marketing

Stipend

Nebraska Corn Board will provide a \$4,000 cost of living stipend which will be paid to the student, as well as providing one flight transportation to and from D.C. Prefer student to coordinate with the NCB/USGC intern on travel expenses. Housing suggestions will be provided.

Opportunity for Independent Study

Will work with the University to receive credit hours

Application Process

Resume and cover letter of application should be sent to:

*NCGA-D.C. Internship
Nebraska Corn Board
301 Centennial Mall South, 4th Floor
P.O. Box 95107
Lincoln, NE 68509*

Resume and cover letter may also be accepted by e-mail, sent to janet.miller@nebraska.gov.

Resume and cover letters are due in the Nebraska Corn Board office by 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2014.